

AIJA Judicial Gender Statistics

Number and Percentage of Women Judges and Magistrates at June 2022

These statistics were compiled by the AIJA using the data sources identified in the notes below.

JURISDICTION	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICER Persons	JUDICIAL OFFICER Women	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	CHANGE FROM 2021	CHANGE FROM 2017	CHANGE FROM 2012
COMMONWEALTH							
High Court	1	7	3	42.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Court	2	54	18	33.3%	6.4%	9.4%	15.2%
Family Court of Australia	3	41	17	41.5%	-6.9%	1.5%	0.9%
Federal Circuit Court	3	73	40	54.8%	11.7%	13.3%	23.0%
TOTAL		175	78	44.6%	5.9%	8.8%	14.1%
NEW SOUTH WALES							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	4	54	12	22.2%	2.6%	0.7%	2.2%
District Court	5	81	32	39.5%	2.9%	7.6%	10.7%
Local Court	6	147	71	48.3%	-0.7%	5.3%	5.5%
Land & Environment Court	7	6	3	50.0%	0.0%	16.7%	16.7%
TOTAL		288	118	41.0%	1.1%	5.4%	6.4%
VICTORIA							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	8	44	18	40.9%	9.7%	15.9%	14.7%
County Court	9	74	34	45.9%	0.1%	6.9%	6.6%
Magistrates Court	10	151	80	53.0%	0.2%	7.5%	10.9%
TOTAL		269	132	49.1%	2.1%	9.2%	10.8%

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QUEENSLAND							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	11	29	9	31.0%	-1.1%	1.4%	-6.0%
District Court	12	41	13	31.7%	4.9%	8.6%	13.3%
Magistrates Court	13	107	50	46.7%	2.6%	8.0%	12.6%
TOTAL		177	72	40.7%	2.7%	7.3%	10.0%
WESTERN AUSTRALIA							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	14	23	6	26.1%	7.0%	11.8%	10.1%
District Court	15	35	16	45.7%	-2.8%	20.7%	23.5%
Magistrates Court	16	54	26	48.1%	4.1%	12.7%	9.7%
TOTAL		112	48	42.9%	2.5%	15.0%	14.0%
SOUTH AUSTRALIA							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	17	16	4	25.0%	-3.6%	0.0%	5.0%
District Court	17	21	9	42.9%	6.5%	15.6%	29.2%
Magistrates Court	17	46	18	39.1%	1.9%	4.1%	9.9%
Employment Court	18	8	1	12.5%	0.0%	-	-
TOTAL		91	32	35.2%	1.8%	4.1%	8.2%
TASMANIA							
Supreme Court	19	7	2	28.6%	11.9%	-4.8%	-4.8%
Magistrates Court	20	17	7	41.2%	3.7%	12.6%	19.7%
TOTAL		24	9	37.5%	5.7%	7.5%	12.5%

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY							
Supreme Court	21	6	3	50.0%	10.0%	16.7%	25.0%
Magistrates Court	22	10	4	40.0%	-4.4%	-17.1%	-17.1%
<i>TOTAL</i>		16	7	43.8%	0.9%	-2.4%	-1.7%
NORTHERN TERRITORY							
Supreme Court/Court of Appeal	23	7	3	42.9%	-7.1%	9.5%	9.5%
Local Court	24	13	6	46.2%	3.3%	15.4%	17.6%
<i>TOTAL</i>		20	9	45.0%	0.0%	13.4%	15.0%
GRAND TOTAL		1172	505	43.1%	2.5%	8.0%	10.2%
Total Superior Courts		406	160	39.4%	7.4%	9.7%	12.0%
Total Inferior Courts		797	366	45.9%	1.9%	8.4%	10.8%

COURTS OF NEW ZEALAND*

COURT	NOTES	JUDICIAL OFFICERS Persons	JUDICIAL OFFICERS Women	PERCENTAGE WOMEN	CHANGE FROM 2021
Te Kōti Mana Nui/Supreme Court	25	6	3	50.0%	0.0%
Te Kōti Pīra/Court of Appeal	26	10	3	30.0%	10.0%
Te Kōti Take Mahi/Employment Court	27	5	3	60.0%	0.0%
Te Kooti Whenua Māori/Maori Land Court	28	14	7	50.0%	4.5%
Te Kōti Matua/High Court	29	42	18	42.9%	0.4%
Te Kōti ā Rohe/District Court	30,31,32	170	73	42.9%	1.9%
Te Koti Taiao/Environment Court	33	6	3	50.0%	10.0%
GRAND TOTAL		253	110	43.5%	2.3%

Sources of Judicial Gender Statistics

The data has been sourced predominantly from court websites, supplemented by other sources (such as annual reports and judicial biographies) where gender was not otherwise apparent.

To maintain data consistency with previous years, the tally is not exhaustive, and excludes small, specialised courts in some jurisdictions.

The tally includes judges and magistrates but excludes allied court personnel such as judicial registrars, masters etc, however named. It also excludes acting judges, including acting-warranted judges, alternate judges, reserve judges etc, however named.

*As the New Zealand data set was introduced in the 2021 Report, previous 5-year and 10-year comparisons are not available.

1	https://www.hcourt.gov.au/justices/about-the-justices
2	https://www.fedcourt.gov.au/about/judges/current-judges-appointment
3	https://www.fcfcoa.gov.au/Judges
4	https://www.supremecourt.justice.nsw.gov.au/Pages/SCO2_contactus/judicialcontacts/judicialcontacts.aspx
5	https://www.districtcourt.nsw.gov.au/district-court/contact-us/judges-contact-details.html
6	https://www.localcourt.nsw.gov.au/local-court/about-us/chief-magistrate.html
7	https://www.lec.nsw.gov.au/lec/about-us/judicial-officers-and-decision-makers.html
8	https://www.supremecourt.vic.gov.au/about-the-court/our-judiciary/judges
9	https://www.countycourt.vic.gov.au/contact-us/judicial-support
10	https://www.mcv.vic.gov.au/judicial-officers
11	https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-supreme-court
12	https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/judges-of-the-district-court
13	https://www.courts.qld.gov.au/contacts/judiciary-contacts/magistrates-in-queensland
14	https://www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au/C/current_judges_and_masters.aspx
15	https://districtcourt.wa.gov.au/J/judges.aspx
16	https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/law-almanac/state-courts
17	https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/our-judiciary/
18	https://www.saet.sa.gov.au/about-saet-3/members-and-registrars/
19	https://www.saet.sa.gov.au/about-saet-3/members-and-registrars/
20	https://www.supremecourt.tas.gov.au/the-court/judges/
21	https://www.magistratescourt.tas.gov.au/about_us
22	https://www.courts.act.gov.au/supreme/about-the-courts/judiciary
23	https://www.courts.act.gov.au/magistrates/about-the-courts/magistrates-court-judiciary
24	https://supremecourt.nt.gov.au/about/judges

25	https://localcourt.nt.gov.au/contact-us
26	https://www.courtsfnz.govt.nz/the-courts/supreme-court/judges/
27	https://www.courtsfnz.govt.nz/the-courts/court-of-appeal/judges/
28	https://employmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/
29	https://maorilandcourt.govt.nz/about-mlc/judges/
30	https://www.courtsfnz.govt.nz/the-courts/high-court/judges/
31	https://www.districtcourts.govt.nz/about-the-courts/the-district-court-judiciary/the-judges/
32	This figure does not include judicial officers appointed to the Environment Court but does include those appointed as Chief Coroner and those appointed to the Independent Police Complaints Authority, Alcohol Regulatory and Licensing Authority, and Immigration and Protection Tribunal.
33	https://environmentcourt.govt.nz/about/judges/